

# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS



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## *President's Corner*

Oh, The Places We Will Go! The board has planned some really exciting painting projects for us to do for the rest of this year.

At the June meeting, we will be delivering a set of four "O's" for the HOME signs. They will be a cut out of the state of Michigan, a star, a leaf, and a snowflake. The cost for this set is \$12. You will also have the opportunity to place orders for other shapes. This will allow us the opportunity to prep these pieces at home, paint together and share our ideas. Also at the June meeting we will be painting cute whimsical cats on a wine bottle. These bottles will be used for the Spring Fling boutique and you will receive a pence for participating. (They are really cute). Diane will also be doing a survey that is important for our future endeavors and you will be voting for future teachers and projects.

At the August meeting we will have a down sized picnic. Everybody will be asked to bring a yummy dinner dish to pass. We will have a special Show 'n Tell and also have an old fashioned carnival with games such as musical chairs, walking with a spoon and a ping pong ball, a cake walk, etc. etc. We have to keep some things a surprise. Think..... "A minute to win it"

In October we are in the process of planning a very special painting project. I can not tell you what it is at this time, but I can tell you, you will love it.

And then it's the Holiday Party.

Happy creating,

Linda

P.S. Remember to register for upcoming classes

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# 2022 Calendar of Events

All classes listed are ZOOM classes.

- May 14, 10-2: Birds of a Feather by Paula DiGesare  
Taught by Connie Vasilnek
- Jun 8, 10-1: SDP Paint-in: Deb Mishima design  
Taught by Michelle Handley
- Jun 18, 10-2: Trilliums design by Judith Ribitch  
Taught by Judith Ribitch
- Aug 13, 10-2: Autumn design by Mary Wiseman  
Taught by Nancy Silver
- Sep 10, 10-2: Ornaments by Jane Allen  
Taught by Jan Heins
- Sept 23-25 Fall Retreat—Skyline Camp
- Sept 28, 10-1: SDP Paint-in: Kathy Swigon design  
Taught by Kathy Ziemba
- Oct 1-2, 9-4 Judy Westegaard-Jenkins
- Nov 12, 10-2: Cotton Candy Twinkles by Deb Mishima  
Taught by Karen Capshaw
- Nov 16, 10-1: SDP Paint-in: Rosemary West design  
Taught by Nancy Silver

Van Gogh painted The Starry Night  
while undergoing treatment at a psychiatric hospital



## General Meetings

2022

February 5, 10 am—2 pm

ON ZOOM

April 7, June 2, August 4, Oct 6,  
At Livonia Senior Center 5—9 pm  
Dec Holiday Party 12:30—3:30 pm

Board meetings

6:30 pm by ZOOM

March 10, May 5, July 7, if necessary,  
September 1, and November 3



Margaret makes new friends  
everywhere she goes.

## June General Meeting

**LIVE 5pm—9pm**

*We have ordered 4 “O” replacement pieces for the HOME sign; a leaf, a star, a snowflake to cover the seasons, as well as a Michigan.*

*These will be distributed at the meeting at a cost of \$12 for the set of 4, so bring money.*

*We will be painting cats on wine bottles. These are an easy, fun paint project and will have lights inserted to be sold at the SF boutique. You will receive a pence for each bottle you paint. Bring your favorite color (red, blue, green, yellow) and a shading color and highlight color. Don't forget your painting supplies.*

*While we are busy painting, Diane will be passing out AND COLLECTING surveys asking where you want this club to go.*

*So, bring your smiles, money for 50/50 raffle, painting supplies and paint, show n tell pieces, a snack to share, and your own drink.*

Quick reminder from hospitality: we have decided to forgo having drinks supplied for the meeting. We encourage bringing a festive snack to share if the spirit moves you. We had some great treats at the April meeting. Thank you all that brought them.

Can't wait to SEE everyone.—Dawn



### May Birthdays

- 1 Jan Kaplan
- 18 Cindy Mullins
- 26 Joan Mueller

### June Birthdays

- 6 Janet Reynolds
- 10 Carol Doyle
- 12 Marilyn Cunningham
- 30 Gale Copple



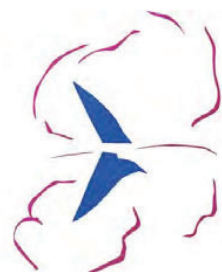
### Boutique Paint-In at the June Meeting

In preparation for our Spring Fling, we are planning to paint these adorable cats on wine bottles. Further details will be emailed to members before the meeting regarding paint colors and supplies. There will even be orange, purple, and pink cats!

Please plan to participate and earn a pence when you turn in your completed project. Ribbons and lights will be added at a later date.



Henri Matisse's painting, *Le Bateau*, (the Boat), was hung upside down at MOMA for 46 days before anyone noticed



## Education – Diane Stiller



Ten members painted the watercolor hibiscus pattern by Vincent Maoirana with Rondi Bur. He was very flattered when Rondi asked his permission to teach it. It's amazing how everyone can paint the same pattern and they all look so different as you have to mix your colors as you paint. Check out the photos. Thanks so much, Rondi! Everyone had fun and learned some watercolor techniques.

Due to the poor response from the members at the April meeting regarding a replacement for Tracy Moreau this year, we won't be scheduling two Big Brushes in 2022. The most votes I received for a replacement artist was five. Tracy Moreau is only doing zoom classes during 2022, but will resume travel teaching in 2023. So we will plan to have her in 2023 but will take a look at some of her newer projects and vote again on them at the August meeting.

Judy Westegaard-Jenkins will teach on-site at the Livonia Senior Center on October 1 & 2; our first on-site class in two years. Check out the registration form for Judy in the newsletter and on our website. I'll also be emailing it to all of our members.

At the June meeting, the members will vote for 2 Big Brush artists for 2023. I asked members at the April meeting for suggestions and at this time I have 14 artists. After the meeting I will contact the top 2 artists and get a list of their projects and then arrange for the Education Committee to meet to select at least 6-8 projects for each artist to present to the members for their vote at the August meeting.

Thank you to the following members who volunteered to participate on the Education Committee this year: Jeannine Laderach, Sue Drobyshewski, Dawn Billiau, Michelle Handley, Darlene Laws, and Susan Rhodes. We will be meeting sometime after the June meeting to select projects.

At the June meeting I also plan to hand out a survey to the members. I will be asking you to list the mediums that you are interested in, seating and lunch arrangements for on-site classes, zoom vs online vs combination of both for classes. This will help to determine what we do in 2023.

### *Coming up next on zoom*

**May 14:** Connie Vasilnek will teach Paulette DiGesare's Birds of a Feather pattern. The pattern, supply list, and prep instructions have been emailed. Registration is closed.

**June 8:** Another SDP Paint-In featuring a bunny pattern by Deb Mishima. Michelle Handley will teach it and there is **no charge to members**. The pattern, supply list, and prep instructions have been emailed. The deadline to register is June 4.

**June 18:** Judy Ribitch will teach her Trilliums pattern. June 4 is the deadline to register.

Please register early and don't miss out on these classes and an opportunity to visit with friends. I am not planning to print out the registration forms and have them available at the general meetings to save on paper and ink. However, I will email them to all of the members before each meeting so that you can have them filled out beforehand. So look for an email from me just before the June 2 general meeting. You can also find the registration forms in the newsletter and on our website.

## Spring Fling Boutique Paint-In on February 26

Thank you to the following members for participating in our first Spring Fling boutique paint-in this year: Kathy Ziemba, Louise Brown, Catherine McClendon, Dawn Billiau, Rondi Bur, Karen Capshaw, Cathy Uhring, Eileen Carroll, Sam Farah, Jackie Wright, Nancy Silver, Michelle Handley, and Diane Stiller.

Members could paint either the pattern that Michelle taught or one of their choice.



Michelle Handley



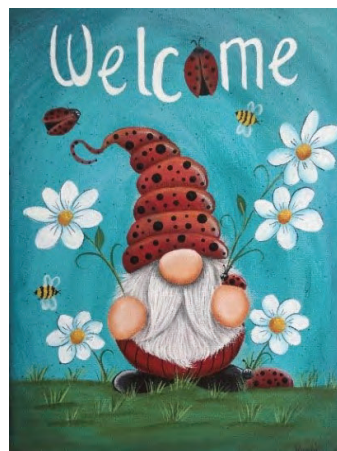
Karen Capshaw (tote)



Sam Farah



Rondi Bur



Jackie Wright (hand mirror)



Eileen Carroll



Kathy Ziemba (shelf sitters)

English Artist Andy Brown created a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II using tea bags.



## May Boutique News

We are still looking for some member(s) to step up and host a paint in. It can be small and personal— ask a few friends over to paint.

I will be trying to plan another zoom paint in in the next few months as well. There are a couple surfaces and patterns that the club can donate. Specifically there are prepped tin plates which would pair great with the sign in the book Prudy gave us at the Christmas luncheon. There are also small chalkboard signs(20) that need lettering and painting of the edges. (they were at our last meeting). Remember pence is given for hosting and attending a Paint in!

Unfortunately I cannot store your donations at this time. This may become possible after the New Year 2023. I have attached a few cuties from the Deco Art site, (DecoArt.com, click on Americana Acrylics). As always I keep looking for free ideas for the Boutique. Check them out!



Painted Bunny  
designed by [Sandra Malone](#)



Repurposed Book Cup Holders  
designed by Cindy Jacobelli



Christmas Clothespin Soldiers  
designed by [Amanda Formaro](#)

Van Gogh sold only one painting during his lifetime.

## Christmas Luncheon

The luncheon will be held at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Dearborn Heights on Ford Road just west of Beech Daly in the Heights strip mall on Thursday, December 1, from 12:30 – 3:30. Thank you to Pat Butler and Kathy Fischer for volunteering to handle the donations. We will have the ornament exchange, the pence raffle, and the centerpiece drawing. We will **not** be doing the \$10 gift exchange due to too few participants.

Thank you to the following members who volunteered to participate on the Christmas Committee: Sam Farah, Darlene Laws, Kathy Ziemba, Eileen Carroll, Sue Hagan, and Judy Ribitch. A BIG Thank You to Sam for volunteering to host our centerpiece paint-in at her home.

The registration form is in the newsletter and on our website. I'll also emailed it to everyone. The number of guests is limited due to space restrictions so please read the registration form for more information.



## Village Painters Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 12:30 - 3:30

### Antonio's Cucina Italiana

26356 Ford Rd, Dearborn Heights

(Located in Heights strip mall on north side of street, just west of Beech Daly)

\$25 for member and \$30 for guest

Deadline is Saturday, November 12, 2022

(Due to space restrictions, the total number of guests will be limited to 10; one guest per member – first come, first served. I will keep a wait list for additional guests and contact you if there are openings after the deadline.)

12:30 – Social Hour, Cash Bar, Pence Ticket Sales

Drop off non-perishable food, toys, books for Little Library, or money donations in parking lot

1:30 pm – Served Family Style:

1) Chicken Scallopine, 2) Gluten Free: Roasted Chicken or 3) Vegetarian: Eggplant Parmesan

All 3 Entrées include garden salad, mostaccioli with meat sauce, roasted potatoes, Italian green beans, rolls and butter, coffee, hot tea, or soft drinks, and spumoni ice cream for dessert.

2:30 – 3:30 pm **After Dinner Program**

Hand painted and signed Christmas ornament exchange

Pence raffle (Pence may be purchased for the raffle for \$1 each.)

Centerpiece drawing



## 2022 Christmas Luncheon registration form

\$25 for member      \$30 for guest (one per member; pay at this time)

Make check payable to: **The Village Painters**

Mail to: Diane Stiller  
674 W. Canfield St.  
Detroit, MI 48201

Questions? Email Diane Stiller at [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

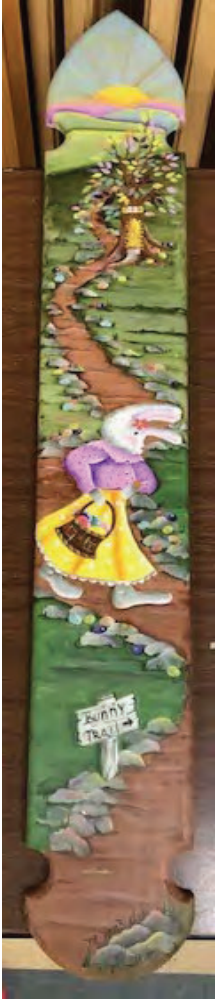
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle one:** Chicken Scallopine OR Gluten Free OR Vegetarian

Please contact me if there is an opening for an additional guest.

# Scrapbook Memories

## March General Meeting: Easter Theme

### Show & Tell



Maureen VanBuhler



Jackie Wright



Margaret Pedersen glass pebbles



Eileen Carroll



Linda Morgan



Sally Thirjung



Dawn Billiau



Sam Farah





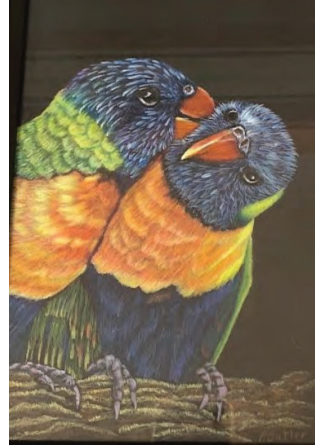
Eileen Carroll



Sam Farah



Jan Kaplan



Pat Butler – color pencil



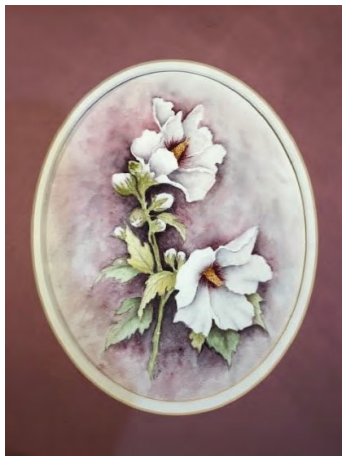
Kathy Ziemba



Sam Farah



Connie Vasilnek



At her watercolor hibiscus class, Rondi Bur shared her very first watercolor painting that was taught by Karen Capshaw about 20 years ago.

**Connie Vasilnek's Zoom SDP Paint-In: Judy Westegaard-Jenkins, Cute as a Button pattern**



Kathy Ziemba



Eileen Carroll



Denise Rogers



Karen Capshaw



Susan Rhodes



JoAnn Smith



Carol Doyle



**Game: Build the tallest stand-alone tower using 1 marshmallow, 20 pieces of spaghetti, a yard of tape, and a yard of string (ribbon)**



*HOME Project for 2022*



*Eileen Carroll won the Egg-citing HOME raffle Easter basket of goodies*



Linda Christopher



Sam Farah



Rondi Bur



Cathy McClendon



Connie Vasilnek



Diane Stiller



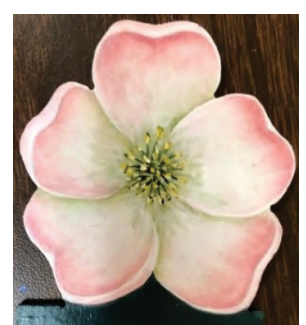
Jackie Wright



Linda Morgan



Kathy Ziembra



Rondi Bur

Rondi Bur's ZOOM class: Yellow Hibiscus watercolor pattern by Vincent Maiorana



Rondi Bur



Connie Vasilnek



Michelle Handley



Cindy Mullins



Linda Morgan



Karen Capshaw



Sue Drobyszewski

**This is just margarinally funny.**



██████████ : is that butter?

██████████ : no it's stonehenge

██████████ : I can't believe it's not butter



**The Village Painters **FREE** Zoom Classes for Members Only**  
**SDP Paint-Ins for 2022; Wednesday's from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**



March 9. Pattern by Judy Westgaard-Jenkins

Taught by Connie Vasilnek



June 8. Pattern by Deb Mishima

Taught by Michelle Handley



September 28: Pattern by Kathy Swigon

Taught by Kathy Ziemba



November 16: Pattern by Rosemary West

Taught by Nancy Silver

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

**SDP Paint-Ins for 2022; Wednesday's from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Place a check mark next to the date of the class that you are interested in & email to [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

March 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 8 \_\_\_\_\_

September 28 \_\_\_\_\_  
 November 16 \_\_\_\_\_

The Village Painters Zoom Class  
Judy Ribitch: Trilliums  
Saturday, June 18, 2022, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Cost: Member \$20; may use up to \$15 in pence  
Non-Member \$30

**Deadline: June 4, 2022. Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Judy Ribitch on Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 Member; \$30 Non Member  
Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
Pence \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit is 15)

***Make check payable to: The Village Painters  
Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201***

**The Village Painters Zoom Class**  
**Nancy Silver: Autumn pattern by Mary Wiseman**  
**Saturday, August 13, 2022, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



Cost: Member \$20; may use up to \$15 in pence  
Non-Member \$30

**Deadline: July 30, 2022. Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Nancy Silver on Saturday, August 13, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Member; \$30 Non Member

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Pence \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit is 15)

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**The Village Painters Zoom Class**  
**Jan Heins Ornaments pattern by Jane Allen**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2022, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



In addition a Bonus pattern of a Christmas Tree will be included so that purchasing the 3 hand-shaped cutters will be worth it. We will start it in class and you can finish it at your leisure.

Cost: Member \$22; may use up to \$15 in pence  
Non-Member \$32

Quikwood (2 oz) and the set of 3 hand-shaped cutters can be ordered at [janeallencreates.com](http://janeallencreates.com) under Products/Sculpting Supplies

**Deadline: August 27, 2022. Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Jan Heins Ornaments on Saturday, September 10, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\$22 Member; \$32 Non Member

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Pence \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit is 15)

***Make check payable to: The Village Painters***

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**The Village Painters proudly presents  
Judy Westegaard - Jenkins: Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2, 2022**



Autumn Smiles: Saturday, October 1



Post Cards from the Sea: Sunday, October 2

Date: Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2, 2022  
 Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Where: Livonia Senior Center  
 15218 Farmington Rd.  
 Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
 Acrylic Paints: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$35; Non-Member \$45  
 Deadline: September 17, 2022

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
 Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

**Judy Westegaard - Jenkins: Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2, 2022**

Name _____	Saturday, Oct 1: Autumn \$35 Member, \$45 Non Member	_____
Phone # _____	Sunday, Oct 2: The Sea \$35 Member, \$45 Non Member	_____
Email _____	Total Enclosed	_____

**Make check payable to: The Village Painters**  
**Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201**

**The Village Painters Zoom Class**  
**Karen Capshaw Cotton Candy Twinkles pattern by Deb Mishima**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2022, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



Cost: Member \$20; may use up to \$15 in pence  
Non-Member \$30

**Deadline: October 29, 2022. Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Karen Capshaw on Saturday, November 12, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Member; \$30 Non Member

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Pence \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit is 15)

***Make check payable to: The Village Painters***

***Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201***

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